THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : With a view to improving maternity and child health care and family planning facilities in these districts, the following measures have been taken :—

(i) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme funds have been released for the 83 districts to upgrade facilities in selected Primary Health Centres through construction of well-equipped operation theatres, labour rooms, etc.

(ii) A scheme of Link Women has been launched in 42 of these districts for implementing a community-based programme with active participation of women.

(iii) These districts would be covered, in phases, under the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme which aims at reducing maternal and child mortality by integrating the existing Universal Immunization Programme, Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme and the Prophylaxis Schemes for a control of anaemia in pregnant women and blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency in children, by the end of 1996-97.

(iv) The State Governments have been requested to give priority to these districts for upgradation of rural health infrastructure and training under the ongoing Area Development Projects.

Tropical Diseases Spreading in India

297. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of WHO to the effect that eleprantiasis and lelshmaniasis are spreading fast in India

(b) if so, the details thereof in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise figures;

(c) what are the steps being taken to contain these diseases; and

(d) what are other tropical diseases on increase in the country and what steps are being taken to contain these diseases ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is appended. (*See* below).

(c) Anti-larval and bio-environmental control measures alongwith detection and treatment of cases are being taken for filaria control.

Interruption of transmission through DDT spray in affected areas; early detection and treatment of cases and health education activities are being undertaken for leishmaniasis control.

(d) Other tropical diseases like Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Diarrhoeal diseases, Guineaworm disease etc., are not reported to be on the increase. Necessary preventive and curative measures are being taken regarding these diseases.

Statement

STATEWISE NUMBER OF FILARIA AND KALA AZAR CASES

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Year	Filaria	Kala-Azar
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1989	5040	–
		1990	8951	–
		1991	8292	–
2.	Assam	1989	–	–
		1990	36	–
		1991	2	–

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	1989	6862	30903
		1990	6944	54650
		1991	7180	59614
4.	Goa	1989	8	
		1990	3	
		1991	51	
5.	Gujarat	1989	107	
		1990	147	
		1991	106	
6.	Karnataka	1989	1011	—
		1990	4750	1
		1991	1726	—
7.	Kerala	1989	636	
		1990	854	
		1991	1313	
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1989	850	
		1990	872	
		1991	1320	
9.	Maharashtra	1989	5148	4
		1990	3282	97
		1991	4053	1
10.	Orissa	1989	2547	
		1990	3000	
		1991	2231	
11.	Tamil Nadu	1989	1413	4
		1990	2691	10
		1991	2485	1
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1989	4627	2
		1990	8263	8
		1991	10442	24
13.	West Bengal	1989	1050	3573
		1990	407	3037
		1991	690	2030
14.	Daman & Diu	1989	77	
		1990	60	
		1991	41	
15.	Pondicherry	1989	70	
		1990	73	
		1991	48	
16.	A & N Islands	1989	28	
		1990	13	
		1991	36	

1	2	3	4	5
17.	Lakshadweep	1989	71	
		1990	40	
		1991	17	
18.	Delhi	1989	—	—
		1990	—	27
		1991	—	—
	INDIA	1989	29745	34489
		1990	40386	57742
		1991	40032	61670

298. [*Transferred to the 13th May*, 1993]

Recovery of Smuggled Explosives in Bombay

299. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 1065 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1993 and state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Weekend Observer of April 3, 1993 about recovery of large quantity of smuggled explosives in Kalyan, Mumbra near Bombay and Salya in Jamnagar district and from other places in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how these arms and explosives were smuggled into the country;

(d) what are the details of any reports received by Government from its Intelligence Services; and

(e) what steps Government have so far taken to check the smuggling of arms and explosives into the country and for the safety of lives and property of the people ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) The Government have alerted all State Governments as well as the concerned Central Agencies to enforce enhanced surveillance in a fully integrated manner, to counter smuggling activities.

Repatriation of Memon Brother from Pakistan

300. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what success has so far been achieved in securing the repatriation of the Memons, who are the prime suspects in the serial-bomb blasts in Bombay on March 12, 1993 from Pakistan, and in apprehending others suspected of involvement in the blasts which resulted in the loss of over 300 lives besides injuring hundreds seriously and enormous damage to property; and

(b) what further action is being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Six members of the Memon family had flown from Dubai to Karachi on March 17. The govt. have sought the cooperation of Pakistan in locating these persons and sending them